



Post Shorts

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, June 13, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

TSP update

The Army Benefits Center-Civilian posted a new announcement on their Web site. The IVRS (telephone) module is now working and automated Thrift Savings Plan Open Season elections can be made by calling 1-877-276-9287. Following the prompts, select "3" for TSP at the main menu. You will not have to speak with a counselor to make your change.

Currently, the EBIS (Internet) TSP module is not working on the Web site, but should be available soon. The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will send an updated E-mail as soon as the EBIS module is working.

For more information, contact Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

PIE presents "Be Fair to Yourself"

The Parent Information Exchange is presenting "Be Fair to Yourself" for Exceptional Family Members on Monday, June 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754. Please call in advance if child care is needed because space is limited. For more information, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFM program coordinator, 410-278-7474/7478.

Army birthday dinner, dance

The Army's 226th birthday will be celebrated at Top of the Bay June 15, 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will provide entertainment. Cost of a ticket is \$25 for a chicken/roast beef menu or \$24 for a vegetarian meal. Contact unit first sergeants for tickets or Headquarters Support Troop, 410-278-3000.

Garrison closes for Organization Day, June 20

U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground will be closed for normal business on Wednesday, June 20, as the garrison observes Organization Day. Emergency requests for operational support will be handled at the Operations Center, 410-278-4500.

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APG celebrates Memorial Day 2001

Parade and ceremony salute freedom's heroes

By Sheila Little
APG News

Military servicemembers, veterans, their families and friends gathered at 10 a.m. at the cemetery located on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Preceded by a march to the site by military members, several veterans organizations and representatives of local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, the parade and ceremony, co-sponsored by the Corpus Christi Council 6188 Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337, and American Legion Post 17, is an annual event taking place each Memorial Day as a gesture of recognition and a means of paying homage to those who have sacrificed their lives fighting for freedom.

The ceremony included prayer, poetry, and oratory, the playing of taps and patriotic anthems by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), the presentation of memorial wreaths, and a 21-gun salute by soldiers from the U.S. Army Garrison Headquarters Support Troop.

Marking the official start of the commemorative service, Lt. Col. Kenneth Kolenbrander, installation chaplain, offered an invocation in which he urged all to remember with gratitude what others have sacrificed for freedom and liberty, and to look to the many acts of unselfishness in the face of perilous situations, as an example for all of us.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, and guest speaker, said the solemn day is set aside to acknowledge the

breadth and magnitude of the sacrifices offered by servicemen and women in defense of freedom.

"Their sacrifice deserves more than we can possibly demonstrate in just one day," Doesburg said, as he acknowledged that once-a-year commemoration is hardly adequate to express the gratitude and appreciation owed to nearly one million who have given their lives to promote American liberty. "It's impossible for us to place ourselves in their shoes and realize their commitment and their pain, but only then can we appreciate their sacrifices."

He reminded the crowd that not only have those on active duty made sacrifices, but those on the home front have endured hardships, loneliness, and faced life without loved ones in support of freedom.

"We honor them by remembering them, and by not taking their sacrifices for granted," he said.

B. Daniel Riley, state delegate from the Maryland General Assembly, led a moment of silence in memory of those who died in service to their country. He reminded those gathered at the cemetery of two local servicemen who died in recent years as the result of terrorist acts.

Gordy Williams of Joppatowne, an Army lieutenant, was among the passengers and crew killed in a plane explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland, in the late 1980s, the result of a terrorist plot.

Joshua Parlett of Churchville, a Navy seaman, was among the crewmembers lost last fall in the terrorist bombing of the U.S.S. Cole.

Riley shared a moving poem Parlett had written just days before his death, in which he expressed the desire to live the life of a sailor

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

American flags mark graves at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Edgewood Military Cemetery, the final resting place for some local heroes who gave their lives in service to the nation. All branches of military service were recognized and heroes were honored at APG's annual Memorial Day Ceremony, May 28.

Military thanked by local business community

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Harford County Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual military appreciation luncheon at the Four Points Sheraton May 24, topping off a week of saluting the contributions of the military.

Seated at tables sponsored by county-based businesses, nearly 200 local community and military representatives were given the opportunity to socialize and express mutual appreciation for the willingness to work toward the betterment of the community.

Attendees were welcomed by Linda Walls, chairperson of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee, who thanked those who assisted the committee in planning the recognition, the 24th such event held to recognize the close relationship between the installation and the community.

William B. Seccurro, chamber president, said he was thrilled with the large turnout for the luncheon, and said he thought it reflected great community support for Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Seccurro introduced guest speaker Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of APG's U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

Ertwine, a U. S. Military Academy graduate with 29 years of active service, against a background of patriotic red, white and blue, spoke to the large crowd about APG, emphasizing support for and in the community, and touching on plans for the future.

"Historically APG has been known as the 'home of ordnance,' but it is now much more," Ertwine said. "Composed of eight major commands and 59 tenants, APG is responsible for vital contributions to national defense on a broad number of fronts."

He said APG tenant organizations continue to train soldiers, test weapons for accuracy, conduct safety checks on military equipment, perform research to develop chemical and biological defenses, oversee the fitness, health and readiness of the soldier in the field, and collaborate with other branches of the military to support and sustain our armed forces, recognized as "the best in the world."

Ertwine said that as APG continues to work toward increased safety for our fighting forces, the installation will continue to work diligently toward preserving an environment that is safe for future generations.

Ertwine said that working with a dedicated and

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Ordnance Circle ceremony sets send-off standard

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The sun shone brightly for eight Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers and civilians who officially ended their careers during the post's monthly retirement ceremony on May 30 at Ordnance Circle.

As the soldiers of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' 143rd Ordnance Battalion stood in mass formation, the installation bid farewell to the four noncommissioned officers and four civilians whose combined federal service totaled more than 200 years.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) played the Armed Forces Medley as the battalion passed in review, bearing an impressive display of colors and banners in a final tribute to the dedicated workers. Lt. Col. Frank Merritt led the

battalion.

Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, was the reviewing officer. Ertwine, noting the pleasant weather, thanked visitors for "taking time from busy schedules to honor these great individuals."

"They have been doing work worth doing and they have seen some of the most significant changes in the Army," Ertwine said.

"You can take pride in the Army's many successes and be proud of the role you played in preserving the American way of life," he told the retirees.

Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Litzenberger, DTC, assisted Ertwine in the presentation of awards as narrator Staff Sgt.

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Community bids farewell to APG provost marshal



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Col. Robert J. Spidel, left, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, awards Maj. Darrel Andrews, APG provost marshal, the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal during a farewell luncheon in Andrews' honor.

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Leaders, workers and friends of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security gathered May 31 to bid farewell to Maj. Darrel Andrews, APG's provost marshal, as he departs after a three-year assignment.

Andrews is headed to Fort Rucker, Ala.

Rob Krauer, deputy provost marshal, and Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG garrison and deputy installation commander, led the farewell luncheon in which Andrews was awarded the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal. His wife, Paula, received a Department of the Army Certificate of Appreciation.

Spidel thanked Andrews for a

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Survivor still electrifying audiences

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Members of the band Survivor will tell you that their favorite recording came not from the studio, but from the band's answering machine.

In 1982 the machine played the voice of Sylvester Stallone asking Survivor to write the title song to what would become the highest grossing film of the 1980s, "Rocky III."

In just two weeks, Survivor delivered two songs; the ballad "Ever Since the World Began" and the blood pumping "Eye of the Tiger."

An anthem of the winning spirit, "Eye of the Tiger," skyrocketed to No. 1 around the world and spent a record-break-

ing seven weeks atop U.S. charts. It still ranks No. 18 on Billboards' top 100 songs of all time.

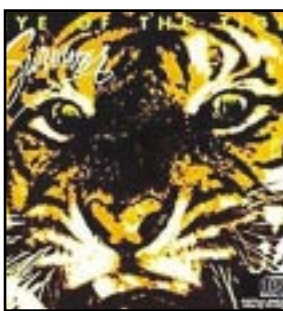
Another call from Stallone led to the title soundtrack for "Rocky IV."

The chart-topping "Burning Heart" rose to No. 2 on the Hot 100 list and helped sell more than 1 million copies of the soundtrack album.

Born in the cold Chicago winter of 1977, Survivor electrified the Chicago club

scene before lighting up America with its first album, named "Survivor," in 1980. The album's instant popularity was further fueled by tours with the popular groups, Jefferson Starship and

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Spouse clubs announce scholarship recipients

By Sheila Little
APG News

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club and the Military and Civilian Spouses Club have announced scholarship recipients for 2001. Traditionally, the EA-OWC awards at least one scholarship to a military spouse for continuing education, and additional scholarships to incoming or current college students who are children of active duty or retired military. In addition, the club administers a \$1,000 scholarship on behalf of USPA&IRA.

This year’s EA-OWC continuing education scholarship, in the amount of \$500, goes to Jenna Edens, wife of 1st Lt. Regan Edens. The Scully Road resident is currently studying business at Harford Community College and plans a future transfer to the University of Maryland at College Park to further her studies.

Katelin Campbell, daughter of Lt. Col. John and Tish Campbell of Plumb Point Loop, also received an EA-OWC scholarship in the amount of \$500. The Aberdeen High School graduate will attend Pennsylvania State University in the fall, studying pre-med.

The USPA&IRA scholarship administered by the EA-OWC goes to Kristen Chiasson, daughter of retired Maj. Lou and Gayle Chiasson of Bel Air. The college sophomore is an industrial systems engineering major at Virginia Tech.

The MCSC also administers a scholarship on behalf of USPA&IRA, in addition to awarding college scholarships to students of active duty and retired military.

The MCSC-administered USPA&IRA scholarship for \$1,000 goes to Katelin Campbell, who also received a scholarship from the EA-OWC. (See above.)

This year the MCSC sponsored three college scholarships. Kimberly Caughey, a Fallston High School graduate, received a \$750 scholarship from the MCSC. The daughter of a retired Navy Cmdr. Steven and Beth, Caughey is a sophomore at the University of Maryland at College Park, studying pre-veterinary medicine.

Rachel Armstrong, daughter of retired CW3 Larry and retired Staff Sgt. Frances Armstrong, received a scholarship for \$500. Planning on studying English at Kenyon University in Ohio, she is a member of Edgewood High School’s class of 2001.



Photos by SHEILA LITTLE
Above from left to right, Katelin Campbell, received a USPA&IRA scholarship administered by the Military and Civilian Spouses Club and a \$500 scholarship from the Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club. Rachel Armstrong, received a \$500 scholarship from the MCSC, and Sally Resau, is the recipient of the MCSC’s \$1,250 scholarship. Not pictured is Kimberly Caughey, who received a \$750 scholarship from the MCSC. Right, EA-OWC continuing education scholarship recipient Jenna Edens, received \$500. Not pictured is the EA-OWC-administered USPA&IRA scholarship recipient Kristin Chiasson.



Environmental Center attorney receives award of appreciation

By Melissa Plummer
AEC

“Beware of Bear.” This warning sign can usually be seen at the entrance of a state park or in the woods on a hiking trail, not on an office door. But signs such as this litter Scott Farley’s office.

In March, Farley, an attorney at U.S. Army Environmental Center, received the 2001 National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Special Achievement Award for civilian support of natural resources on Department of Defense lands.

The Association selected Farley due to the contributions he made in supplying legal support on natural resource law to the U.S. Army headquarters and to Army installations.

Farley, a seven-year employee at AEC, is a first-time recipient of this award.

“I was shocked of even being considered. It was a real honor to receive this award,” said Farley.

He received a gold plaque to hang among his collection of signs.

“[I think I received the award because] I have given ideas in the past and this [award] represents the culmination of things that I have done over the years to support natural resource management and individuals in the organization,” Farley said.

His contributions include drafting an agreement between Fort Bragg, N.C., and The Nature Conservancy for acquisition of conservation buffers near Fort Bragg, developing hands-on guidance for Army installation use to comply with the Endangered Species Act, and helping to simplify the process for the Army to release Legacy funds to installations for natural resource conservation.

Most NMFWA members work as biologists and scientists; Farley is one of the few lawyers in the organization.

“People are used to lawyers saying no or having the final say,” said Farley. “It meant a lot to others to see that I was helping and solving problems, not just standing back and watching,” he said. “I like to get out and learn [by doing]. You can’t accomplish as much sitting behind your desk. You have to go out and get your feet muddy, literally.”

Farley’s tasks include supporting and helping in the protection of endangered species and making sure that soldiers can train and

preserve natural resources at the same time.

“With foresight and creativity, they should be able to accomplish it. Being creative is a challenge: a hard challenge but a fun one,” Farley said.

The National Military Fish and Wildlife Association is a non-profit organization of wildlife and fisheries biologists, botanists, ecologists, range conservationists, foresters, cultural resource managers, and wildlife enforcement agents working to protect and manage wildlife and other natural resources on Department of Defense lands.

(Editor’s note: Melissa Plummer, a visual communications major at Harford Community College, is a summer intern with the U.S. Army Environmental Center Public Affairs Office.)



Photo by MELISSA PLUMMER
Scott Farley, an attorney with the U.S. Army Environmental Center, shows off part of his collection of wilderness markers. Farley won the 2001 National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Special Achievement Award in March.

CAC discusses summer hours, activities and events

By Sheila Little
APG News

A meeting of the Community Action Council was held in the auditorium of the Edgewood Area Conference Center on May 17. Col. Robert J. Spidel, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, presided over the meeting, which included activity schedules for the summer and health and safety tips.

Vickie Kambric, representing Chevron/Clearview Drive, and unavailable to participate in the official swearing-in last month, was sworn in as mayor of her housing area.

Health care

Self-care classes are offered the first and third Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, in the Preventive Medicine Clinic of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. TRICARE Prime recipients who complete the course have Kirk pharmacy access to some over-the-counter medications without the need of a doctor visit or prescription. Those who have taken the class at another installation must retake it at KUSAHC in order to participate. Call 410-278-1725 to register for the class.

If you are having trouble getting a doctor’s appointment by calling the central appointments number, 1-888-999-5195, schedule your visit by calling the clinic directly.

Staff is available to assist those who are having trouble removing ticks. After the tick is removed at KUSAHC, it is automatically sent to be tested for Lyme Disease. You will be notified and given appropriate treatment if the test is positive for Lyme Disease.

Shopping

Steve Bielefeldt, manager of the APG Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said Sprinkles is open on both areas of APG in the former Dunkin Donuts locations. Watch their sign boards for specials.

The post exchange is ready for summer with deals on summer

merchandise. Eligible patrons are encouraged to use the PX and other vendors on post, as a portion of the profits help the community.

“I encourage people to try and use the PX every chance they get,” Spidel said. “Thirty percent of the profits come back to the Army community. We get back 100 percent of the Class VI sales.”

Commissary scholarships

Richard Nornhold, commissary manager, announced two \$1,500 scholarships were awarded through the APG store. Kathryn Payne of Abingdon, 1998 Edgewood High School valedictorian and a senior at the University of Delaware majoring in pre-medicine, received one scholarship. The other winner is Jennifer Leslie of Newark, Del., a sophomore elementary education major at the University of Delaware.

Nornhold said that because more than 25 applications were received at the APG store, two scholarships were awarded. He thanked all who applied for scholarships. An official ceremony recognizing the winners is in the planning stages.

Summer activities and concerts

Roy Ballinger, Director of Community and Family Activities, said the Olympic Pool in the Aberdeen Area and the Bayside Pool in the Edgewood Area are open every day 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., weather permitting, through Labor Day, September 3. On Saturday, June 16, the Shore Pool in the Aberdeen Area will open for business six days a week. It will be closed every Monday. The Shore Pool will remain open through Aug. 11. Seasonal and monthly passes for individuals and families are available at Outdoor Recreation in the Aberdeen Area and at the Hoyle Fitness Facility in the Edgewood Area. Daily passes are available at the pools. Call 410-278-4124 for more information.



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Col. Robert J. Spidel, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander, congratulates Vickie Kambric upon becoming the mayor of the Chevron and Clearview Drive housing area. Kambric took the oath of office at the May 17 meeting of the Community Action Council.

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park is open seven days a week for the summer season. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 4 to 10 p.m., Friday, 5:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight, and Sunday and federal holidays, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Being an outdoor activity, the park is closed in the event of inclement weather. For more information such as prices and party packages call the park at 410-278-9920, or Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124.

Beginning June 17, the Bowling Center is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight, and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. It is closed every Sunday throughout the summer.

On the day of the June 16 STYX, KANSAS and Survivor Concert, many Morale Welfare and Recreation activities will be closed or operate on shortened hours to accommodate the concert crowd. Facilities remaining open will include the Shore Pool in the Aberdeen Area, the Bayside Pool

in the Edgewood Area, and all three installation golf courses. The post exchange and the commissary will close early that day, at approximately 5 p.m., to free up parking for the concert.

Concert volunteers for June 16 are still needed and get into the concert for free. Call 410-278-4402, for more information.

The line up for the Aug. 18 2001 Miller Genuine Draft Army concert has changed. LeAnn Rimes has canceled her summer tour dates and John Michael Montgomery is now scheduled to appear, along with Tim Rushlow and Diamond Rio.

Gate change, vehicle registration and speeding on post

As of June 1, the primary gate for entering and exiting the Edgewood Area of APG is the Route 24 gate. Formerly, the Edgewood Gate was available for 24 hour access, but it will now revert to being open 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hours for the EA Magnolia Gate have not changed.

Spidel said that although the

changed access makes coming and going more difficult for some residents, the change was made after much consideration.

“I know it is inconvenient for those in housing areas closer to the Edgewood Gate,” Spidel said. “But, this is just the first step in a long process of meeting Department of the Army guidelines regarding decreased access.”

Spidel said the process began several weeks ago as residents and employees began vehicle registration. It is expected to be a continuing process designed to address security issues by limiting access to the installation. Retirees who frequent the installation will be asked to register their vehicles as the process evolves.

“We will put out more information as we continue to work on this and will make it as convenient as we can,” he said.

Spidel added that there is continued concern regarding the amount of speeding going on throughout the installation. He said an increased emphasis on stopping speeders is designed to curb the issue, deemed more of a problem in housing areas and around troop formations.

Housing

Residents are asked to report broken dishwashers to DPW personnel. Limited funds have made some repairs possible. Residents are asked to keep in mind, however, that problems involving safety issues, such as heat and air conditioning, take precedence over broken dishwashers and other conveniences considered non-essential.

Lt. Col. Thomas Kuchar, director of Public Works, said residents denied action on something that they feel is a safety concern, involves exceptional family members or impacts a special needs issue, can address it to the exceptions board who reviews situations on an individual basis and can grant waivers.

Abdul Sheikh, APG entomologist, asks all AA and EA residents who find dead birds showing no

visible signs of trauma, to make note of the closest building number and notify Entomology at 410-278-3303. The birds will be tested for the West Nile Virus.

Free legal advice

Lt. Col. Craig Teller, APG staff judge advocate, encourages use of the Legal Assistance Office, located in the first floor of building 310. The staff of two attorneys and two paralegals have received awards for their work for two years in a row.

“They have a ‘can do’ attitude and do a superb job,” Teller said. He said that the free service is for military members, dependents and retirees. The office is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and by special appointment. Call 410-278-1584 for more information.

School news

Spidel announced that a full-time school liaison is scheduled to be hired within the next six months to assist with coordination between APG and the schools.

Cleanup issues

APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings thanked residents for participating in a successful spring cleanup. He said he is considering bringing back the Yard of the Month program and giving out prizes to encourage pride in yard appearance throughout the year. He is also encouraging tenants to adopt an area on post, similar to the Adopt-a-Highway Program, in order to maintain an orderly appearance on the installation at all times.

Around the neighborhoods

Those requiring a special bulk trash pick up should to call 410-278-3737 to make arrangements. The bulk trash will not pick up old pianos, and refrigerators or freezers must have their doors removed before being picked up.

Marcus Lucas, mayor of the Mobile Home Park, said some residents were upset that the rent in the park was raised over 20 percent, and pot holes have yet to be repaired. DPW will look into the situation.

Residents also stated that recyleables are often missed on recycle day and refuse workers throw them in with regular trash the next day. This is an issue in several housing areas and will be reviewed.

Residents complained of a nuisance deer population, and expressed a concern for the spread of Lyme Disease via the deer tick.

Kuchar said that state law forced a decreased harvest of deer on the installation over the last few years, increasing the size of the problematic APG herd. He said APG is negotiating with the state to set up rules to keep the herd at a more manageable level and he will report any progress made. In the meantime residents are warned to stay away from deer, make sure their children do the same, and keep the grass around their homes short to discourage deer from remaining in the area.

A Grant Court resident reported that grass cutters who mow outlying areas are cutting grass to a 6- or 8-inch level, and ask that the cutters be supervised more closely to see that grass is mowed to a shorter height.

Everette Road residents asked for a time line of when their children can use the Edgewood Area Youth Center playground. Currently the playground is for children ages 6 through 12. When the new equipment is installed for younger children, a schedule will be implemented.

Scully Road residents thanked APG for erecting stop signs and ‘residents only’ signs in their neighborhood. Most thought traffic is slower in the areas near the stop signs, and fewer commuters are using Scully Road as a through road.

The next meeting of the CAC will be June 21, 9 a.m., in the conference room of building 305.

OBC class boosts cleanup efforts on APG

By **Yvonne Johnson**
APG News

Spring cleanup on Aberdeen Proving Ground didn't take place only in post housing and barracks areas. Students from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Officers Basic Course also got in on the act by replacing trash receptacles in the installation recreational area.

Members of OBC class 04-01 collaborated with APG Garrison's Recreation Services to install new receptacles at Shore Pool Park, in Woodpecker Point Park and in the Maryland Boulevard Park.

2nd Lt. Rahmin Norwood led the community service project that was completed in time for the annual influx of visitors for Ordnance Week and Armed Forces Day ceremonies.

Twenty-seven officers participated in the project, one of several each class must perform while in ses-

sion on APG.

Norwood, thanking Recreation Services' Wayne Doyel for coordinating the logistics and Boy Scout Troop 429 for assisting, said all involved benefitted from the endeavor.

"Our class drew closer together to accomplish this for the good of APG," Norwood said.

Class members who participated in the OBC class 04-01 community service project include Norwood and 2nd Lts. Winston Allen, Wail Al-Sahil, Chris Brown, Tonia Costa, Michael Cotton, Thomas Davis, Eugene Fewell, Logan Fileccia, Sharon Foulk, Marlon Gomez, Christy Green, Jesse Holmes, Peter Jamison, Cedar Lanmon, Sylvia Lopez, Michael McGauley, Thomas Nietubyc, Gilfredo Nieves, Patrick O'Connell II, Martin Paulsen II, Justin Redfern, Brian Stark, Brian Tabayoyong, Leslie Simmons-Walsh, Lona Wiens and Robin Wright.



Photo by 2ND LT. TONYA COSTA

Members of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Officer Basic Course class 04-01 pound in the foundation for a supported trash receptacle in Maryland Boulevard Park during the class' community service project. From left, 2nd Lts. Lona Wiens, Rahmin Norwood project leader, Thomas Davis, Justin Redfern and Martin Paulsen II.

AAFES customer satisfaction survey June 14 and 15

By **Fred Blum**
AAFES

In a continued effort to improve its customer service and exceed customer expectations, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service will conduct a Customer Satisfaction Index survey at the Aberdeen Main Exchange on June 14 and 15.

These surveys measure customer satisfaction in several areas, including customer service, pricing, associate availability and friendliness, and merchandise availability and quantity. After analyzing the results, the exchanges are compared with each other and with other discount department stores in the United States.

"The CSI was designed to measure customer satisfaction on a broad range of factors," said Alan

Petty, general manager, of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Exchange.

"To improve customer satisfaction, we need to understand not only what our customers tell us through survey results, but to also interact with them. We've got to move beyond just data collection because, to be a winner today, it's important not only to understand what our customer's needs are, but to know what it will take to exceed them."

"When our customers complete their survey, we ask that they take the time to mail them back in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope that's provided," said Petty. "Their voices here at Aberdeen Main Exchange make a difference, so I hope they will take the time to complete the survey so that we may measure our success and continue to improve."

Medical tests show no evidence of chemical agent

By **Kathy DeWeese**
PMCD

Medical test results received yesterday confirm that an ironworker who reported to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center last Saturday with a rash on his legs was not exposed to mustard agent.

Teams from Baltimore County's emergency response units activated after hospital officials learned that the individual works near the mustard agent storage area at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Medical center doctors later told the Army that the rash was not consistent with mustard agent exposure and diagnosed the condition as contact dermatitis, a skin reaction that occurs after a person's skin is irritated or a certain substance triggers an allergic response.

In cooperation with Baltimore County emergency responders, Army chemical specialists conducted laboratory

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USAEC employees receive command kudos

By Melissa Plummer
AEC

Col. Stanley H. Lillie, commander of the U.S. Army Environmental Center presented awards to USAEC personnel May 30 for significant accomplishments and career milestones.

Lillie presented “Four-Star” notes, signed by Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff of the Army, to Wayne Sisk, for cleanup techniques for restoration of soil contaminated with explosive residue; Michael Dette, Maj. Mark Corbett, James Arnold, James Heffinger, and Rick O’Donnell, for their participation in the joint working group for non-toxic ammunition and the group’s subsequent development of environmentally friendly, lead free, small caliber ammunition; and Dr. Paul Thies, for consolidation of diverse federal agency assets to improve the support the center provides to installations. The conservation partnering effort is a showcase of how the Army utilizes other agencies to help conserve natural and cultural resources while maintaining

readiness.

Service pins were awarded to Charles A. George (10 years), Kathleen R. Treon, Charles A. Lechner, Dean W. Hutchins (15 years), Jeffrey P. Armstrong, Erik B. Hangeland, Rosemary A. Queen (20 years), Douglas T. Scarborough, Barton O. Ives (25 years), and Carolyn Barry (35 years).

Scott English received the Commander’s Coin for Excellence for outstanding support to the Forestry Program, specifically the U.S. Forces Command Forestry Workshop, an example of how USAEC, Office of the Director of Environmental Programs and major Army commands function together.

Angela Workinger, Rick Williams, Darlene Edwards and Dennis Teefy were recognized for their success at the unexploded ordnance-countermine forum, an international symposium dealing with the hazards of ordnance and explosives.

The USAEC “Secretary of the Army Awards Team” consisting of Sue Thomas, Danielle Johnson,

Rosemary Queen, Cynthia Houston, Jean Skillman, Maria Applin, and Deborah Elliott, was recognized for management of the annual environmental awards program. Their efforts included judging awards, the ceremony coordination and publicity before, during and after the ceremony. Deborah Elliott was acknowledged for her management of Army Earth Day program activities.

James Daniel received a letter of appreciation for his work as co-chair of the Restoration Technology Team in preparation of the Restoration FY02-07 Program Objective Memorandum submission, signed by Walter F. Morrison, Director of Resource and Lab Management Office, Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and Raymond Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Safety, Occupied Health.

Erik Hangeland and Richard Eichholtz, supporting members of the Environmental Technology Integrated Process Team in prepa-

ration of the Environmental Quality Technology Program FY 02-07 POM submission; and Lee Merrell, who co-chaired the Compliance Technology Team as it prepared the Compliance FY 02-07 POM submission, also received letters from Morrison and Fatz.

Doenee Moscato was recognized for her work as Army lead for the Field Activity Support Technology Transfer Team. The Army received the Secretary of Defense Environmental Award, Pollution Prevention, Individual/Team Award for the FASST Team efforts to conserve scarce resources and reduce hazardous waste.

Also, Scott A. Hill was promoted to GS-13 Environmental Engineer; James G. Heffinger was promoted to GS-13 Physical Scientist (Environmental); Steven W. Sekscienski was promoted to GS-13 Biologist, and Deborah L. Smith was promoted to GS-07 Division Secretary, Resource Management Division.



Photo by JEAN SKILLMAN

Doenee Moscato, an employee at U.S. Army Environmental Center, inspects a military vehicle with 1st Lt. Gary D. Torres, facility manager, at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station in Puerto Rico. Moscato received an award for her work as Army lead for the Field Activity Support Technology Transfer Team.

Chamber of Commerce hosts event recognizing the contributions of APG

APPRECIATION, from front page
talented civilian workforce, along with the local companies doing business with APG, helps the military grow and get stronger, and bolsters the local economy.

Describing the military and community working relationship as a ‘win-win situation,’ he pledged that APG will “continue our close partnership with Harford County.”

Walls and Ernie Paszkjiewicz, chamber member, provided a surprise for one member of the military community.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, they presented a special plaque to Col. Robert J.

Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, in recognition of his efforts to ensure a good relationship between APG and the county. Spidel moves to an assignment in Europe later this summer.

County Executive James M. Harkins, Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson, Bob Cassilly, chairman of Bel Air’s Board of Commissioners, and Jim Newby, a representative from the Havre de Grace mayor’s office, presented military appreciation week proclamations to Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, who accepted the certifi-

cates on behalf of the installation commander, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg.

Acknowledging the efforts made by community businesses and business leaders to thank members or former members of the armed forces, Stevenson expressed his appreciation, and assured chamber representatives that their efforts would not be overlooked.

“We very much appreciate all of you taking time out of your busy schedules to honor the military this way,” Stevenson said. “Thank you for taking the time to recognize those who serve.”



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

County leaders and Aberdeen Proving Ground commanders pause for a group photo following the 24th annual Military Appreciation Luncheon, hosted by the Harford County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by area businesses at the Four Points Sheraton, May 24. From left to right are Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, William B. Seccurro, Harford County chamber president, James M. Harkins, Harford County Executive, Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, and Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, the luncheon’s guest speaker.

Skin rash not consistent with chemical agent exposure

CHEMICAL, from page 5

tests and confirmed that there was no mustard agent on the individual’s clothing. In addition, Army and construction company officials examined the work site at the proving ground’s Edgewood Area, seeking possible causes for the worker’s rash. No potential causes at the work site were identified, and no other workers reported symptoms.

The mustard agent stockpile is monitored around the clock by a system of extremely sensitive chemical agent monitors that constantly sample the air for

signs of mustard vapor. A team visually checks each steel container of liquid mustard agent three times a week. All monitoring devices and controls were and are functioning, and there was no signal or evidence of a release of liquid agent.

Construction work continues as usual today on the Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, which is being built to safely neutralize the obsolete mustard agent stockpile by 2007. The stockpile has been securely stored since it was produced here in preparation for World War II

Technology Showcase to promote business ties with industry, academia, government June 12, 13

Courtesy of APG Science and Technology Board

The APG Science and Technology Board is hosting a Technology Showcase June 12 and 13 at Top of the Bay to provide an opportunity for companies, colleges and universities in the mid-Atlantic region to learn how to access APG resources and begin partnerships with the Army that will help them grow through research and development programs.

The event promotes the joint efforts of the Army’s engineers, technicians, research scientists, other professionals and its array of labs and high-tech facilities on the proving ground with companies, colleges and universities, as well as government agencies within the mid-Atlantic region. Invitations were sent to hundreds of private firms, educational institutions and government leaders in Maryland and surrounding states.

To underscore the proving ground’s importance as a technology base in the mid-Atlantic, Maryland Representative Robert Ehrlich, will address the

showcase event on opening day and introduce keynote speaker Pennsylvania Representative Curt Weldon. Congressman Weldon chaired the House Armed Services Committee’s Research and Development Subcommittee for six years, and has endorsed multi-state research and development projects to bolster the mid-Atlantic region’s economic and scientific standing. As a result, more than 50 educational institutions, research-oriented companies and government laboratories in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania formed the Mid-Atlantic Research Consortium.

Rep. Weldon’s remarks on June 12 will be followed by the formal signing of a Memorandum of Agreement between the APG Science and Technology Board and its newest partner, Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania, an economic development organization fostering the growth and success of the technology sector.

The Technology Showcase is a forum for interested parties to learn, through a series of presentations and exhibits, about the proving ground’s initiatives and corresponding capabilities in biotechnology, chemistry, medical services, environmental sciences and engineering, materials research, computing and simulation, physics used to predict product failure, test capabilities and training opportunities. Tours will introduce attendees to APG’s high-tech labs and

facilities working in these areas.

Bus transportation will be provided on both days, and there will be exhibits on APG capabilities, technologies and facilities at Top of the Bay.

Registration cost for the Technology Showcase is \$99. Registration can be done online at **<http://stb.apg.army.mil>**.

For more information, call the Team APG Business Development Office at 410-273-5062.

APG salutes those who gave their lives in service

MEMORIAL, from front page
who loves God and country, and set the example for others.

Riley asked that all service-members be remembered for their dedication to duty and willingness to do whatever it takes, with honor and sacrifice.

Timothy Baird, speaking for the local Edgewood-based Knights of Columbus group, said the ceremony serves as a reminder to all of the sacrifices made by Americans in the cause of freedom. He reminded the crowd that “freedom is not free. It is paid for with the blood of soldiers who have fought and died for it.”

APG personnel participated in additional Memorial Day observances held in Harford and Cecil

counties.

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, was the guest speaker for ceremonies held at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Aberdeen on Memorial Day. Father John Bauer, a former servicemember and a priest for the APG Catholic con-

gregations, gave the benediction at the service.

Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, commander of the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command, was the guest speaker for ceremonies held in the Memorial Gardens, located on the grounds of American Legion Susquehanna Post 135, in Perryville.

Survivor -- like you’ve never heard them before

SURVIVOR, from front page
Triumph.

In the 80s and 90s Survivor toured the world, cutting nine more albums that garnered an Oscar nomination, one Grammy award, two Grammy nominations, a Golden Globe nomination, a People’s Choice Award and 11 top-10 singles.

Survivor also joined radio’s Million-AIRs Club — for performers with songs played on the radio at least 1 million times — for the songs “Burning Heart,” “High on You,” “Is This Love” and “The Search Is Over.”

The group’s signature song, “Eye of the Tiger,” aired more than 2 million times.

“The music business is a high-stress roller coaster ride and sometimes you lose people on the curves. Survivor is fortunate to get one back,” said lead guitar player Frankie Sullivan, about the group’s reunion with lead vocalist Jimi Jamison.

“With Jimi back on stage with us, we’re coming out with our amps on full and all our original firepower,” Sullivan said.

Add Marc Droubay on drums, Chris Grove on keyboards, and Billy Ozzelow on bass and this lineup reverberates with the signature Survivor sound.

The awards, milestones and global recognition aside, group members say they are still about the music and bringing that music to their fans.

The band pledges that “this is Survivor like you want them to sound and like you never heard them before.”

Survivor will perform in Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Classic Rock Concert with STYX and KANSAS on June 16. Tickets are on sale at the Information, Tours and Registration office, through Morale Welfare and Recreation outlets and through Ticketmaster. Call 410-278-4011/4621 for more information.

Military Youth Corps in good form on Exton Golf Course

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

For a group of youths enrolled in the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy’s Military Youth Corps, a community service project at Exton Golf Course turned into an opportunity to learn the game of golf from the inside out.

The youths were involved in a policing commitment on the Edgewood Area course as part of a 40-hour community service requirement instilled in the ChalleNGe program.

Under the direction of senior juvenile counselor David Marsh, the youths raked bunkers, cleared fairways of brush and leaves, policed tee boxes and canvassed the greens. Impressed with their efforts, golf pro and course operations assistant Eugene Harris offered introductory golf lessons to those interested in learning more about the game.

A retired captain, who moved up through the enlisted ranks, Harris has been playing golf for 35 years. Working on Exton for the past 12 years, he said he enjoys helping youngsters, most of whom share the same adjustment problems.

“The challenge with youngsters is trying to control the ball,” Harris said. “They anticipate it’s easy because that’s how it looks on television.”

He said that once the Youth Corps members found it was not as easy as it looked, they “took a greater interest in what I was showing them.”

After three short sessions, Harris said he

rates their abilities as “promising to outstanding.”

“Some have even said they plan to continue with the game when they leave here,” he added.

Noting the rapport Harris established with the volunteers, Marsh said the enthusiasm shown for the program exceeded his expectations.

“His is the type of support that teaches integrity and honesty, the type of values we try to instill,” he said of Harris.

“They remain excited by this opportunity to expand their horizons,” Marsh added.

He noted that many youths come from inner cities and have never been exposed to the game of golf.

“They thought it was easy until they tried it,” said the life-coping skills instructor, adding that, intrigued with the complexity of the game, group members now look forward to trips to the course for more lessons.

“So far they’ve had three sessions and we hope to have at least one more before graduation,” Marsh said.

Several ChalleNGe cadets agreed they hope to continue learning more about golf.

A first-time player, class commander Karl Burnett, 17, said the golf sessions were fun and exciting.

“I enjoy learning new things,” Burnett said. “This is something I can enjoy in the future if I stick with it,” the Prince George’s County native added.

“It was tougher than it looked, but now I can say I understand the game of golf,” said Deanna Williams, a 16-year old from Baltimore.

Jennifer Myers, a 19-year old from Prince George’s County said she got “frustrated and upset” until Harris told her she was doing better than a lot of people who pay for lessons.

“That helped me appreciate the challenge,” Myers said.

Seventeen year-old Jesse Klein, from Columbia, Md., said he knew a little about the game from watching his grandfather who manages a country club.

Also a wrestler, Klein said he now has two favorite sports.

“Golf is the opposite of wrestling but I can enjoy both,” Klein said.

He added that the landscaped greens were the best part of the outings to the course.

“It’s a calm sport that requires beautiful landscapes and scenery more than others do,” Klein said.

Participants in the Exton Golf Course community service project included: Karl Burnett, 17, Shaun Capps, 17, David Daniels, 17, Matthew Hampton, 17; Eric Huff, 18; Jesse Klein, 17, Sucrie Marcotte, 16, Jennifer Myers, 19, Jonathan Pannell, 17, Stephon Prather, 17, Christyna Taylor, 17, Melvin Taylor, 18,Deanna Williams, 16, Thomas Williams, 17 and Jananie Winter, 17.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Three members of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy Military Youth Corps practice gripping their clubs as they receive golfing tips from Eugene Harris, right, a golf pro and operations assistant at Exton Golf Course. Harris gave free lessons to 15 youths involved in a community service project on the Edgewood Area course. Pictured are, from left, Deanna Williams, 16, Jonathan Pannell, 17, and Shaun Capps, 17, David Marsh, senior juvenile coordinator, and Harris.





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Directions:
I-95 to Exit 85 towards Aberdeen onto Maryland Route 22 East. Follow Route 22 onto the Aberdeen Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground. Upon entering the installation, you are on Harford Blvd. (Follow arrows). Proceed to the third traffic light, where you bear to the right. Take a left at the next traffic light onto Aberdeen Blvd. Proceed through four traffic lights. Stay in left lane and turn left at the small stone building ("Y" in the road). Follow the road next to the Golf Course to the Top of the Bay. (Map available on web site)

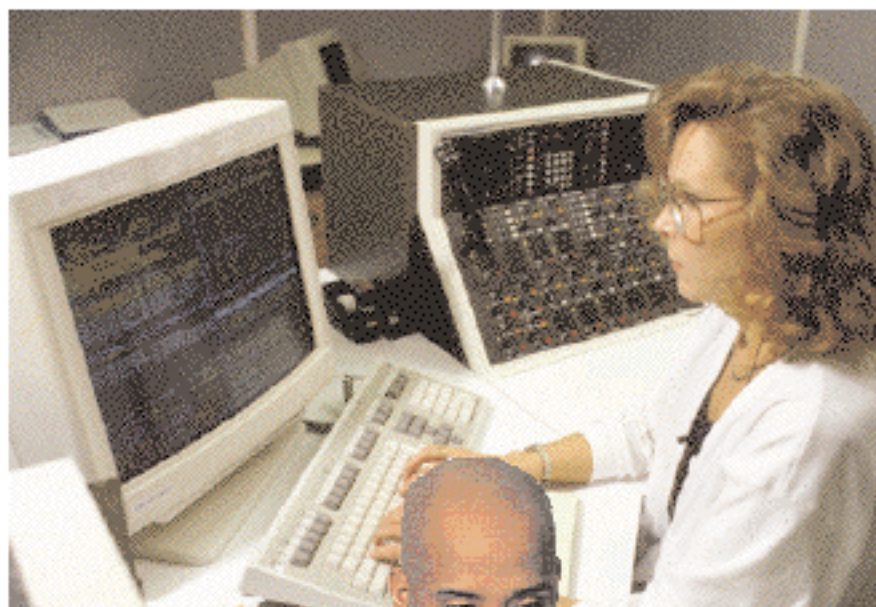
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Tuesday, June 12, 2001 Schedule of Events

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast (Exhibits open)
- 8:15 Opening Remarks - Major General John C. Doesburg, Commander, APG
- 8:30-8:45 Mr. Brian Simmons, Chairman, APG S&T Board
- 8:45 Keynote Speaker: Honorable Curt Weldon (R-PA) (MARC)
- 9:15-11:45 Technology Presentations
 - Materials
 - Computing and Simulation
 - Physics of Failure
 - Testing
 - Training
- 11:45-11:55 How to Partner with APG
- 11:55 Wrap Up
- Noon Lunch and Exhibits
- 1:00-5 p.m. Concurrent Tours (Aberdeen Area)
 - Automotive Testing
 - Testing Technologies
 - Materials Research Labs
 - Training Facilities
- 6:30-9 p.m. Social: Havre de Grace, MD (Hosted by the Army Alliance, Inc.)

Wednesday, June 13, 2001 Schedule of Events

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast (Exhibits open)
- 8:15 Opening Remarks - Mr. Jim Zarzycki, APG S&T Board
- 8:30-11:25 Technology Presentations
 - Biotechnology
 - Chemistry
 - Medical
 - Environmental Sciences
- 11:25 Wrap Up
- 11:30 Lunch and Exhibits
- 12:15-5 p.m. Concurrent Tours (Edgewood Area)
 - Engineering Capabilities
 - Process Engineering Facility (Biotechnology)
 - Spectroscopy / Microscopy Facility
 - Life Sciences Facility
 - Environmental Sciences

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Bel Air couple leads efforts for adoptions of Russian children

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Eight years ago, life began anew for a Bel Air couple, when, intent on securing an international adoption, they traveled to Perm Region, Russia. That experience would change their lives forever.

Barry and Judy Williams welcomed their son Donald (Sasha) Williams, 12, into their home in 1993 and their daughter, Anna (Anya) Williams, 11, in 1996.

Now, the couple leads efforts to unite more children with American families through adoption and by inviting orphan children to their international summer and school camp programs.

The family recently returned from a trip to Washington where they participated in “Celebrate the Miracles,” a program sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption and Kidsave International.

“We were one of 30 families invited from all over the United States with adopted children from foreign countries,” Judy Williams said, adding, “the program was designed to raise awareness of the needs of millions of children living in institutional settings.”

The program began with a meeting of the parents and children, where they swapped stories, made posters illustrating their family histories and prepared for the next-day meetings with senatorial and congressional representatives.

Williams said most of the families had adopted children ages five or older or children who were born with disabilities.

“Either of which makes them virtually un-adoptable in their native countries,” she added.

The meetings were part of an effort to “raise awareness of the conditions children endure in foreign countries and to promote U.S. efforts to lead the fight in getting children out of institutions worldwide,” Barry Williams explained.

“The point we wanted to emphasize is that our children are only two of millions lingering in state care around the world,” he continued. “There is a need for the U.S. to take a lead role in improving the future for these children.”

The next day, the family met with Congressmen and aides from the offices of Maryland Congressman Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., and Senators Barbara Mikulski and Paul Sarbanes.

During the meetings, the Williamses explained that their children would not have had the opportunities they now enjoy if they had remained in institutional care.

“Our son was born with congenital problems that left him unable to walk correctly until he received

treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore,” said Judy Williams.

According to Russian law and statistics gathered from the Moscow media, both children would have been forced to leave the orphanage they were living in at age 16; most boys are reduced to begging on the streets with 50 percent becoming incarcerated in the first year, and girls stand a 50 percent chance of supporting themselves through prostitution. One in 10 will commit suicide in their first year on the street.

“Today, they are normal, active children leading healthy lives,” said Barry Williams.

Donald Williams, nicknamed “Sasha,” his former Russian name, is a sixth grader at Bel Air Middle School. A member of Boy Scout Troop 313, he takes piano lessons and is active in basketball, swimming, baseball and weightlifting.

His sister, Anna, is homeschooled, a member of Bel Air Girl Scouts and takes ballet lessons. She also plays the cello, loves animals and likes to read and write stories with her own illustrations.

With his son about to be confirmed at Fallston United Methodist Church, Williams said he shudders to think what might have become of the children without intervention.

“The statistics speak for themselves,” he said. “It’s pretty obvious they wouldn’t have had much of a life.”

Both agreed the D.C. trip was a learning experience the family will remember for years to come.

“Our children got to see the democratic process first hand,” Judy Williams said.

“They were most impressed with the visit to Congressman Ehrlich’s office where they got to sit at the desk and chair used by President John F. Kennedy.”

The day included visits to the House of Representatives and the Senate.

“Most of all, we will remember that we had an opportunity to do a small part to help ensure other boys and girls have the same chance at normal, productive lives,” she added. We really believe that every child has a right to a permanent family of their own, even if not in their native country.

A U.S. Army retiree, Vietnam and Persian Gulf War veteran, Barry Williams works in the Edgewood Area as a contractor with EAI Corporation. Judy, a former member of the Army Nurse Corps, is also a Vietnam and Persian Gulf War veteran and works with Adoptions Forever assisting with international adoptions.

To learn more about Adoptions Forever, call 410-569-8927.



Photos by BARRY WILLIAMS

Above, Donald Williams poses in a uniform from his native Russia along with a pictorial history of the country that he constructed for a school project. Williams and his adopted sister, Anna, were Russian orphans before being adopted by a Bel Air couple through humanitarian agencies focused on providing brighter futures for disadvantaged children around the world.

Left, Judy Williams and her son, Donald, 12, look on as her daughter, Anna, 11, sits in a chair once used by President John F. Kennedy in the Cannon Building office of U.S. Representative Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. during a trip to Washington for a meeting of families with adopted children from foreign countries. Williams and her husband, Barry, an Edgewood Area employee, adopted their children seven years ago and now lead Harford County efforts to unite more disadvantaged Russian youths with American families through Kidsave International.



Gilman Scholarships enable study abroad

Courtesy of Military Report.com

A U. S. Department of State press release reports that U.S. undergraduates can receive financial support for study abroad programs worldwide through the new Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program of the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The Gilman International Scholarships will provide up to \$5,000 for American students to pursue overseas study for college credit.

“We anticipate that these scholarships will help as many as 300 students annually participate in study abroad programs that might otherwise seem beyond their reach,” said Dr. Helena Kane Finn, Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural

Affairs.

Application forms are available at the Gilman International Scholarship Web site <http://www.iie.org/gilman>. Additional information is available through Institute of International Education’s Southern Regional Office by E-mail, at gilman@iie.org, or by calling 713-621-6300 ext. 25.

For additional information, contact Amy Forest, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, 202-619-5548 or E-mail aforest@pd.state.gov.

Military.com also offers an extensive scholarship search for military personnel and their dependents. The free service can be accessed at:

<http://www.military.com/Careers/Education/0,11754,112,00.html>

Andrews headed to Alabama post, home

ANDREWS, from front page
“magnificent job” on behalf of Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

“It takes a good leader to inspire workers to perform well,” Spidel said adding that under Andrews’ leadership DLES has been “responsive to the post

needs, working through personnel shortages to accomplish it’s mission.”

“Fort Rucker’s gain is APG’s loss,” Spidel said.

Andrews said his emotions were “running north and south” in anticipation of the impending move.

“We look forward to the new

challenge, but APG will always have a special place in our hearts,” Andrews said.

He thanked post commanders, DLES personnel and supporting organizations for supporting law enforcement missions and personnel throughout his tenure.

“We had the best working relationship,” Andrews said. “We did not always agree but we always agreed to disagree.”

Krauer presented Andrews with a framed photograph of one of APG’s bald eagles, and, on behalf of the attendees, an engraved desk set. He also received SBCCOM and APG Garrison commanders’ coins.

“I know I speak for many when I say we’re surely going to miss his guidance and leadership,” said master of ceremonies Patrick McGrath, a DLES supply technician.

“He was untiring in his commitment to civilian and military workers,” Capt. Charles McGee, Edgewood Area branch chief, DLES, said of Andrews. “He’ll be very much missed.”

Paula Andrews noted the “wonderful family atmosphere” they enjoyed while on APG.

“We appreciated the schools, children’s programs and friends we made,” she said adding that they now will reside closer to their Jacksonville, Ala., home.

They have four children, Brianna, 10, Darrel, 5, Darion, 4 and Braesha, 1.

Community Notes

FRIDAY JUNE 8 PLAY BASKET BINGO, SUPPORT APGYOUTH

The School Age Services Support Group is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m. All bingo prizes will be Longaberger® baskets.

Tickets are \$10 and include admission, 20 games and chances to win door prizes. To purchase tickets, contact Tina Nierviensi, 410-278-1934, Cheryl Miller, 410-278-9424, or Sue Rumbaugh, 410-436-7485. Tickets will also be available at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, building 2522, and the Child Development Center, building 2485. Seating will be limited to ticket holders only. At-the-door ticket sales are not guaranteed. Refreshments and baked goods will be available.

(Note: Longaberger® and other basket and collection names are property of the Longaberger® company. This fundraiser is in no way connected with, nor is it approved or sponsored by the Longaberger® company.)

SATURDAY JUNE 15 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, will hold a Longaberger® Basket Bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per ticket (three paper cards); extra cards are available at \$5 per set. Doors open at 6 p.m. The fundraiser benefits the Harford Choral Society.

To purchase tickets, call Joanne, 410-939-9642, or Arlene Raymond and Phyllis Gilbert, 410-273-7332.

SATURDAY JUNE 16 FAMILY HIKE IN PERRYVILLE

The Baltimore Walking Club, your friendly area volk-marchers, are sponsoring 5, 10, and 20 kilometer family hikes in Perryville on Saturday, June 16. Start any time between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Community Park Pavilion. Participation for fun and fitness is free and open to everyone. Optional IVV credit is \$2 per person. For more information, contact Bill, 410-592-8440.

FUNDRAISER AT LOCK HOUSE

The Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House is sponsoring an evening of “Wine and Jazz” 7 to 11 p.m. at the Havre de Grace Community Center, on Lagaret Drive. This is our ninth annual wine and jazz fundraiser. Music will be by “The Gentlemen of Jazz” for your listening or dancing pleasure. There will also be a special guest appearance by Mickey Light of Baltimore, performing “Sounds of Sinatra.”

Gourmet light refreshments will be served with wine and other beverages. There will be a live auction, a silent auction, a raffle, and door prizes, to benefit the museum.

Special auction items include a chair from the old Bayou Hotel, hand painted by one of our local artists, four Ravens tickets with parking, a hull or model of a ship by Martin Hoover, a sculpture of a decoy carver by Jackie Hoover, a 1920s walnut child’s desk, an antique silk beaded scarf and other items.

The raffle prize is a \$500 bond, and the door prizes are two Longaberger® baskets filled with exciting and delicious items. To order raffle tickets call 410-939-4010, 410-939-2352 or 410-272-3017.

For tickets to fundraiser, call 410-939-4297 or 410-939-5780. Cost is \$25 or \$30 if purchased at the door.

SUNDAY JUNE 17 FATHER’S DAY JAZZ SPECIAL

A special Father’s Day jazz performance featuring “X-TET”

will be held 5 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Aberdeen. Tickets cost \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. A free buffet will be served.

For tickets, call Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Copeland, 1-877-937-9936.

MONDAY JUNE 18 EFMP BOWLING NIGHT

Exceptional Family Members and their families are invited for an evening of fun at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Bowling Center, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. EFMs and their families will be offered bowling at a reduced rate.

If you need special accommodations, call Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP coordinator, 410-278-7474/7478.

MONDAY JUNE 18 to 25 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, is conducting Vacation Bible School, June 18 to 25, 6:15 p.m. until 9 p.m. The program will offer Bible study, music, arts and crafts. Light snacks will be served each night. Classes are available for all age groups.

SATURDAY JULY 7 WACVA MONTHLY MEETING

The Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their July meeting of the Maryland Free State Chapter 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center.

All women who have served or are serving in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, Women’s Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or visit Web sites www.wacva.com or www.armywomen.org.

SUNDAY JUNE 24 WOMEN’S DAY SERVICE

Ames United Methodist Church, 112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, will hold its Women In White Service at 10:30 a.m. The guest minister will be Reverend Cynthia Woods from 3rd Street Church of God, Washington, D.C.

Contact Vicky Wright or Debra Levy, 410-838-0161, for additional information.

SATURDAY JUNE 30 WACVA BAKE SALE

The Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association, Maryland Free State Chapter No. 70 will hold a bake sale at the Aberdeen Proving Ground PX, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will fund ongoing projects to help women veterans of Maryland.

For more information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

FRIDAY AUGUST 17 CYSTIC FIBROSIS ANNUAL BENEFIT

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will host the Metris 14th Annual Benefit Concert for Cystic Fibrosis, 7:30 p.m., at the Baltimore Arena. The event will feature Country Group of the Decade, Alabama.

Tickets go on sale 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, and can be purchased from Ticketmaster, 410-481-SEAT. For more information about the benefit concert, cystic fibrosis or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, call 410-771-9000.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Garrison Library has new books for your reading pleasure. Visit either the Aberdeen Area Library or the Edgewood Area Branch Library and check them out.

The Slaughter: an American Atrocity by Carol Case

Thursdays at Eight by Debbie Macomber

Sharpe’s Trafalgar by Bernard Cornwell

Miss Garnet’s Angel by Salley Vickers

The Rackets by Thomas Kelly

The Rich Part of Life by Jim Kokoris

John Henry Days by Colson Whitehead

The Good People of New York by Thisbe Nissen

The Edge of Town by Dorothy Garlock

The Philosophical Strangler by Eric Flint

The operating hours of the Aberdeen Area library are Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, closed and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Edgewood Area library will be closed Sunday through Tuesday and Saturday; and open Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SAFETY UPDATE

Situation: Imagine you are driving up a hill on a two-lane road and the person behind you pulls out to pass. He pulls alongside you as you come to the top of the hill and you see a car coming right at him in the opposite lane. He won’t make it if you don’t do something. What should you do?

A. Floor accelerator so he can move in behind you.

B. Medium brake and steer right to let him get ahead.



Answer A. No, don’t do this. If you “floor accelerator so he can move in behind you,” don’t forget that by passing you he is already going faster than you are, and if you start racing him, you’re asking for trouble. Granted, he wasn’t very smart to start passing on a hill, but this isn’t the time to teach him a lesson. You’ve got to be the one to do the thinking and it’ll be less of a problem for him to get ahead of you than behind. “Medium brake and steer right to let him get ahead” is the thing to do. If he reduces his speed before you do, then accelerate and give him room to move in behind.

Answer B. Excellent choice! You did the right thing to “medium brake and steer right to let him get ahead.” The car passing you is already going faster than you are so with your medium braking, he’ll be able to get ahead with no trouble. Of course, if he should slow down before you start to brake, it’s a different story. Then accelerate and give him room to get behind.

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Jodie A. Ables (herniated disc)
Ameneh M. Arasten (maternity)
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Brenda K. Bielat (car accident, severe pain)
Barbara Boyd (mother is ill)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg
Bonnie K. Day (surgery)
Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Surinder K. Dillon
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Willia Freisheim
Penelope K. Galoff (maternity)
Elaine C Garrity
Norman L. Greear
Rose M. Hill (vertigo)
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)

Melanie A. Hoffman (parasitis, fibromyalgia condition)
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)
Wayne A. Jaynes
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
Carole Jones
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein
Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)
Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)
Mary V. Overstreet (twisted and sprained wrists and legs)
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Mary E. Pettitway
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)

Michael Reynolds
Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Ralph A. Scutti (care of daughter)
Sherry Schaffer
Lena Shelton
Rita R.Sloder (surgery)
Gail H. Smith (death of husband)
Motoko Stahl
Rachel Swearingen
Ronald L. Taylor (chronic pulmonary disease)
Frances L. Thomas
Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
CharlesYoung (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Amber M. Vanakin (care of husband)
Andrew M. Vaught (brain tumor removed)
Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071. Hours are Monday and Thursday, 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 to 7 p.m., and Friday, 12 to 4 p.m.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50



ADVENTURES OF JOE DIRT

Friday, June 8, 7 p.m.

Starring: David Spade, Brittany Daniel

Joe Dirt hits the road alone to find the parents that he lost, or lost him. His wandering, misguided search takes him from one hilarious misadventure to another. (Rated PG-13)

SPY KIDS (FREE ADMISSION)

Saturday, June 9, 7 p.m.

Starring: Antonio Banderas, Alan Cumming

For years, Ingrid Cortez has told her children the bedtime story of “The Spies Who Fell In Love.” Little do Carmen and Juni Cortez know that the spies in the fairy tale are actually their parents who have been nabbed by the enemy. To keep their family together, the kids take on two perilous missions that defy the odds. (Rated PG)



TOWN AND COUNTRY

Saturday, June 9, 9 p.m.

Starring: Warren Beaty, Goldie Hawn



While celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in Paris with their best friends, Mona and Griffin, it becomes clear to Porter and Ellie that something is wrong. A series of events bring into question the whole idea of love, marriage, commitment and the difference between men and women. (Rated R)

FINANCIAL TIP

Know your rights under the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act of 1940.

Did you accrue debt prior to entering the Armed Forces? Do you have a court date set that you can’t make because of your deployment schedule? Then you might be able to exercise the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act of 1940. Call the Legal Office at 410-278-1584.

For more information on these or other financial topics, call Tricia Jewitt at Army Community Service, 410-278-4372

MWR UPDATE

All craft classes are held at the Edgewood Arts and Crafts Center, building E-4440, which is open Thursday, 1 to 9 p.m, Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5 p.m. For information, call 410-436-2153, during operating hours.

Ceramic class

A basic ceramic class will be held on Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This class teaches the basics of mold pouring, glazing, and painting. Cost is \$7, plus supplies.

Stained glass class

A beginning stained glass class will be held on Saturday, June 23, 9:30 to 1:30 p.m. Students will be making a simple suncatcher using the copper foil method. Cost is \$25 and includes supplies.

Framing class

A beginning matting and framing class will be held on June 28, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Students must bring an 8 by 10 inch picture to frame, and pre register in advance. Class size is limited. Cost is \$15, plus supplies.

Porcelain doll class

A beginning porcelain doll class making a Sugar Britches Doll will be held on Thursdays, June 7, 14, and 21, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Class size is limited. Preregistration is required. Cost is \$30, plus supplies.

Custom framing

A professional picture framer is available to help with all of your framing needs. Photographs, diplomas, limited-edition prints, posters, oil paintings or just about anything can be framed. There is a wide selection of mats and frames to choose from. Large or small pictures can be framed for your home or office.

VISA or master card are accepted, including government VISA cards.

Two locations are available for all your framing needs, one in Aberdeen in building 2407, and another in Edgewood in building E-4440.

For information, call 410-278-4207 or 410-436-2153.

'Charming' ladies dazzle audience in EA fashion show

By Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Some said those who participated in the Edgewood Area Chapel Christian Charm Course, entered young girls and exited young ladies. All agreed they were stunning, entertaining and just plain charming.

Coordinated by Audrey Vermont, the wife of Chaplain (Maj.) Ernest Vermont, 61st Ordnance Brigade, the 10-week course for girls in grades 5 through 11, focused on diet, exercise, facial beauty, wardrobe, hairstyling, etiquette and self-esteem. The course culminated with a fashion show and buffet May 6 at the EA Chapel.

Fifteen participants displayed the look, style and presence of budding models in fashionable attire and makeup provided by the show's sponsors.

Vermont thanked local merchants and organizations for supporting the endeavor and expressed a desire to offer it and other courses in the future.

"Right now, we're preparing for Vacation Bible School in August and we have received requests for a boy's charm course," she said, adding that the girl's course will probably be repeated in spring 2002.

Having offered the program at other installations, Vermont said that

through social interactions and enhancement awareness sessions, the course emphasizes that "true femininity comes from within."

The show's first half featured a parade of casual ensembles ranging from athletic wear to casual day and evening dress. Following was the formal attire segment in which the girls floated down the center aisles in an impressive display of silks and taffetas.

"I am just so proud of them," Vermont said after the show's conclusion.

"Each one is like a seed blossomed into a beautiful rose," she said as she gave a silk flower to each participant.

Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON



In radiant evening wear, the young models of the Edgewood Area's Chapel Christian Charm Course pose for a group photo following the Fashion Show in the Edgewood Area Chapel. From left, Abbie Burnett, Allison Kuchar, Jessica Owens, Lori Garvin, Megan Logan, Cassie Kosydar, Brittaney Clemmons, Eva, Lauren Beward, Mary-Christina Sifuentes and Brianna Merritt.

Narrators for the program were:

Retired Lt.Col Richard Carey and Melissa Vermont.

Organizers wish to thank the following companies and individuals:

Beth's Bridal Boutique
Dee's Flowers
The International School of Beauty
Hoyle Gym
Retired Lt. Col. Richard Carey
Maj. Gwen Roland
Maj. Donna Webley
Dr. Colleen Weese
Nancy Brugh
Jose Cintron
Margaret Garvin
Bonnie McNabb
Emily Nowosielski
Jackie Owens
Debbie Pillsbury
Paolo Rivera
Norie Rose
Crystal Sawyers
Melissa Vermont

The models included:

Lauren Beward, Abbie Burnett, Brittaney Clemmons, Tierra Daniels, Lori Garvin, Cassie Kosydar, Allison Kuchar, Megan Logan, Brianna Merritt, Jessica Owens, Erica Sharp, Natasha Sharp, Michelle Sharp, Tamara Sharp, Mary-Christina Sifuentes and Eva.



Football fan Allison Kuchar models a Baltimore Ravens matching jersey and shorts set good for volleyball, soccer or chilling in the shade on a hot summer day.



Lori Garvin is ready to take the field in a sporty softball ensemble complete with matching red cap and shorts.



Casual yet comfortable, Mary-Christina Sifuentes strikes a laid-back pose in a cool flowered top, capri-length khakis and sandals.



Whether headed for the movies or the library, Jessica Owens heads out in style wearing a summer knit dress of pink and red flowers on a black background, stylish black patent-leather shoes and carrying a light sweater and straw handbag.

May sun shines on APG retirees

RETIREMENT, from front page

Caroline Brooks, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, read the awardees biographies to the audience.

The retirees were Sgts. 1st Class Lawrence W. Davis, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic; Herman B. Goodrich, 208th Military Intelligence Battalion; Larry W. Simpson, Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Steven Wojtowicz, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 16th Ordnance Battalion. The civilian retirees were Audrey J. Raunig, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center; Lloyd D. Matthews, U.S. Army Garrison APG, Directorate of Information Management; Elaine Holbrook, USAGAPG DOIM and Glenn J. Holderman, USAGAPG, Directorate of Public Works.

Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence W. Davis

Davis finished a 27-year career as the noncommissioned officer in charge of Nursing Services at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in business management, Davis said his retirement plans include obtaining his master's in nursing.

"I really owe my career to my wife," Davis said. "She has truly been there for me."

"We'll miss the military but we look forward to our new life adventure," Christine Davis added.

Davis was awarded the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal and the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement. His wife received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Sgt. 1st Class Herman B. Goodrich

Ending a 22-year career, Goodrich served as the NCOIC of Company A, 308th Military Intelligence Detachment. He and his wife, Debra, have one son, Nathan. He said he was proud to have served his country in numerous and diverse positions and assignments.

"It was an honor and a privilege to have served with so many fine soldiers

who constantly put forth enthusiasm, dedication and hard work to accomplish the mission," Goodrich said.

He said he plans to spend time with his family and enjoy life.

Goodrich received the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal and the DA Certificate of Retirement. His wife was given the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Sgt. 1st Class Larry W. Simpson

An instructor with the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Simpson ended a 22-year career. He received the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal and the DA Certificate of Retirement. His wife, Vicki received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

Simpson said his plans include home improvement projects and attending his two daughters' lacrosse games.

"My wife has put me to work already," Simpson said adding that they would be attending his oldest daughter's high school graduation the next day.

"The Army was really good to us," Vicki Simpson added.

Sgt. 1st Class Steven Wojtowicz

Culminating a 20-year career serving as an instructor/writer with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 16th Ordnance Battalion, Wojtowicz plans to enter corrections near his hometown of Toledo, Ohio.

He said traveling to and living in interesting places was the most memorable aspect of his career.

"If not for the Army I would have never left home," Wojtowicz said. "I've enjoyed 365 days-a-year for 20 years."

Wojtowicz received the U.S. Army

and she recently completed laboratory analysis for the Firing Point and Exploding Ordnance Emission Studies. She retired after 15 years of federal service. Raunig received the DA Certificate of Retirement and the DA Certificate of Appreciation. Her husband, Robert received the DA Certificate of Appreciation. The Raunigs have a daughter, Amy Billings, a son, Philip, and four grandchildren. They enjoy collecting antiques and playing bridge.

Lloyd D. Matthews

A native of Stewartstown, Pa., Matthews retired from the U.S. Army Reserves as a sergeant major in 1994. His civil service career, begun in 1962, included positions with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, the Directorate of Public Works and as a visual information specialist with the Directorate of Information Management. He was a team leader in the design and fabrication of exhibits that aided the U.S. Army Materiel Command in presenting its mission to the public and the international community.

Describing his 29 years and 10 months on APG as "enjoyable and memorable," Matthews said he plans to take over his father-in-law's Pennsylvania farm.

"Farming will be a new challenge but

I've helped there off and on for 26 years," Matthews said. "It will be nice to be able to do it full time."

Matthews received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, the DA Certificate of Retirement and the DA Certificate of Appreciation. His wife, Judy, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

R. Elaine Holbrook

Holbrook began her career in 1961 with the Central Intelligence Agency. Coming to APG in 1965, she worked in public affairs and culminated her 38-year career as secretary to the chief, Public/Command Information Division, Directorate of Information Management.

"My last assignment was probably my greatest," Holbrook said. "I loved the work and the people and it's very hard to leave them."

The Baltimore native said she plans to spend more time working around her home and garden and spending time with her four grandsons.

Holbrook was awarded the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, the DA Certificate of Appreciation and the DA Certificate of Retirement.

Glenn J. Holderman

Holderman's 31-year career included a tour of duty in Vietnam where he earned two U.S. Army Commendation Medals. He began working for the Procurement Directorate in 1973 and finished with the Directorate of Public Works' Minor Repair Branch.

He and his wife, Linda, have a son, Daniel, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and a daughter, Caroline.

Holderman plans to catch up on his exercising and to coach girls' softball and soccer.

He received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, the DA Certificate of Retirement and the DA Certificate of Appreciation. His wife received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.



Photo courtesy of APG PHOTO LAB
The Stars and Stripes and the banners and colors of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion pass in review during the U.S. Army Garrison, Aberdeen Proving Ground retirement ceremony at Ordnance Circle. Eight soldiers and civilians officially ended lengthy careers totaling more than 200 years during the sun-filled ceremony.

Meritorious Service Medal and the DA Certificate of Retirement while his wife, Linda, received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

The couple has two sons, Matthew and Nicholas.

Audrey J. Raunig

Raunig began her federal career as a chemist on the the chemistry team of the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center.

She is credited with helping APG receive a second place Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Roundtable award